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Fall Festival, Chili Cook-Off Time...

Over 400 people braved the overcast and at times drizzly skies and cool day to sample chili from the 16 chili slinging competitors at the Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off at the Visitors Center Green on Saturday, Oct. 7. Sponsored by the City of Claremont Parks and Recreation and the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce, the day started with a 5K road race with Bud Marro finishing first overall. Here, Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase dishes up some chili. More photos, list of winners on page A26 (Bill Binder photo).



School Board Looks to Directives, Suggestions to cut Next Budget by \$1.2M

**By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News**

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont School Board met publicly on Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center to discuss directives and suggestions regarding the 2019 Budget. Chair Brian Rapp and school board member Michele Pierce were absent.

According to minutes from the meeting that were approved at Wednesday night's meeting, the "initial discussion was had as to what di-

rection the board should take regarding the 2019 Budget". Board member Frank Sprague reiterated on Saturday his belief that "we" are in a "financial crisis" and that it must focus on tax relief in this budget cycle. Board member Michael Petrin agreed Wednesday night that the district is in a "bit of a [financial] crisis...I would like to positively affect the tax rate..I feel there is room....to tighten our belts." He added, that the process is "not a small task."

Board member Rebecca Zullo said Wednesday she believed they "really [have] to make goals and shoot for them, we need to

take a hard look at all areas...not to cause alarm or chaos,,to work toward the common good. Everyone needs to take a big breath because it is a big number."

Superintendent Middleton McGoodwin reminded board members at Wednesday's meeting that increases have not been due to budgeting, "[they are] due to reductions in state aid."

According to the minutes, "There was agreement to that sentiment from the rest of the board. There was discussion from each

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Fire Station Open House Oct. 14th

This year, the Claremont Central Fire Station turns 100 years old. To mark this milestone, the department will be hosting an open house on Saturday, October 14th. The open house will run from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All are invited. The 14th was chosen as the date to mark this occasion because it is the day after our Association's parade, which will take place the evening before, and will kick off at 6:30 p.m. Also, it falls at the end of the National Fire Prevention Week. Tours of the station will be given, and refreshments will be available. There will also be current equipment on display, as well as some older mementos of years past. Please join us in celebrating our proud old fire house.

---Chief Richard Bergeron

Fiske Free Library Book Sale

CLAREMONT, NH--The Friends of the Fiske Free Library will hold their annual Book Sale and Fall Festival on Saturday, October 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Sale and Festival will be held at the Fiske Free Library located at 108 Broad Street in Claremont. The Book Sale is the major fundraiser of the Friends of the Fiske Free Library. Proceeds of the sale will be used by the Friends to pay for adult and children's programs and speakers at the library. This year's book sale will feature a large selection of new, used and gently read fiction and non-fiction books for adults and children all reasonably priced. Additionally, there will be a good selection of antiquarian and special books, some autographed by the authors, in a wide variety of fields. While these special books will have higher prices, they will still be quite reasonable.

For the second year, the Friends will hold a Fall Festival at the same time and place. This year we will again have a baked goods table full of delectable, home-made goods from cookies to pies and more. This year's Make-and-Take crafts will feature Leaf Animal Faces and Gourd Gnomes. Young and old crafters of all abilities will be able to create their own Leaf Animal Faces and/or painted Gourd Gnomes. Make-and-Take crafts are free of charge and available while supplies last. Jen Haines will be demonstrating basket making and have a sample demonstration basket anyone can try their hand at to get a feel for the craft. She will have more of her baskets and crafts available for sale. Claremont's own Andy Hopkins has written a new book, entitled "In the Tall Pines", and will have copies available for sale and signing. Kara Lee with the River Valley Animal

Protection

League will have crafts available to support the League. Once again, Florine Watt has graciously made and donated another fine quilt which will be raffled off to support the Friends' work.

While at the Friends' Book Sale and Fall Festival, we cordially invite everyone to visit the Fire Department's Open house next door.

Open House at the MakerSpace Announced

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont MakerSpace is currently being built and you're invited to come check it out!

On Saturday, October 21st, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Sawtooth Mill building – the future home of the MakerSpace – will be open to visitors. Stop in for a tour and a chance to see this exciting renovation underway. This is a free, all ages event and open to the public.

RSVP on the Claremont MakerSpace website:

www.claremontmakerspace.org/events.

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Letter to the Editor

Gauthier: Why I'm Running for City Council

To the Editor:

If elected to the Claremont City Council, I will work to meet the following objectives:

Strive to make the people's business more transparent. I expect the city to comply with RSA 91-A, Right to Know Law, and make information more readily available to the general public.

Motivate the general public, especially the “silent majority” and the conservative younger generation, to become interested and involved in local government.

Remember the “forgotten” Claremont property tax payers. Affordability to the tax payers should be the #1 deciding factor on the city budget going forward – not the city's wish list.

Strive continually to find and lobby for more state aid, of any kind, to relieve the property tax burden in Claremont. With recent developments, property taxes in Claremont have reached a critical point where many property owners simply cannot afford to pay their taxes. At the same time, certain “special interest” entities have, in essence, been exempted from paying their full share of property taxes:

(1) Non-profit entities. I believe Claremont has an unusually high number of non-profit entities, but it has been difficult for me to obtain sufficient information from the city to determine just how many there are and how much this costs the tax payers.

(2) Owners of large properties under current use (especially those from out-of-state).

(3) Owners of industrial/commercial buildings who are claiming that environmental hazards preclude them from paying their property taxes, yet are still collecting rent from their tenants.

I am the prime sponsor, and Rep. John Cloutier is a bipartisan co-sponsor, of a proposed bill that will plug the hole in special interest entities that claim environmental hazards preclude them from paying their property tax, yet continue collecting rent from tenants. They are taking advantage of the “forgotten” property tax payers, who wind up paying the bill at the end of the day.

Just remember, if you rent either commercial or residential property, your high rent payment is a direct result of the high property tax in Claremont. High property tax and high rent hamper economic development.

**Representative Francis Gauthier, Sullivan District 3 (Claremont Ward 1)
Claremont, NH**

Shaheen Demands Scrutiny of IRS Contract with Equifax

WASHINGTON, DC--U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), joined eight of her Democratic colleagues in a letter demanding further scrutiny of the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) decision to award Equifax a sole-source contract to verify taxpayer identities and help prevent tax fraud despite the company's recent disclosure of a massive cybersecurity breach exposing the personal information of as many as 145.5 million Americans.

“By awarding this no-bid contract, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is paying Equifax \$7.25 million in taxpayer money to protect the very same taxpayers from an identity theft risk that Equifax helped create,” wrote the Senators. “The decision to award this contract to protect the identities of taxpayers and the integrity of federal tax dollars in light of Equifax's recent and severe breach of the public trust is highly concerning.”

In September, Equifax disclosed a cybersecurity breach that potentially exposed the sensitive personal information of more than 145 million consumers, including Social Security numbers, home addresses, and driver's license numbers. Equifax had known about the breach for months, but did not publicly disclose it until September. In the interest of protecting taxpayers' money, the Senators urged IRS Commissioner John Koskinen to explain why Equifax was awarded the sole-source contract in light of this cybersecurity breach.

Shaheen was joined in sending the letter by U.S. Senators Gary Peters (D-MI), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Bob Menendez (D-NJ), Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Patty Murray (D-WA).

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board member as to areas where they believe there may be potential savings. It was agreed that to get into that detailed of a conversation we would need to see the initial budget proposal first." The board goals/expectations were divided into two sections: Directives and suggestions.

Directives will be the board's initial guidelines to administration prior to them building the first draft of their budget proposal. These are the items the board is committed to accomplishing with the 2019 budget, said the members.

Suggestions will be those areas mentioned above where board members believe cost savings may be possible to accomplish targeted cost reductions. This will be part of the conversation with administration once the initial budget proposal has been presented to the board.

After discussion, the following items were agreed upon to be the board's "directives" to the administration in preparing the initial 2019 budget:

- * Initial budget proposal will be equal to a reduction to the 2018 operating budget by \$1.2 million. The goal of this action will be a net property tax reduction of approximately \$1.71 (including any additional costs associated with collective bargaining, etc.).

- * No reductions in instructional staff without supporting data and board approval.

- * No additions to administrative or support staff without supporting data and board approval.

- * No increase to the tech center budget or programs.

- * Outside of contract negotiated professional development, no conferences without supporting data and board approval.

- * No additional pre-school programs.

- * No additional technology initiatives.

- * No reduction in athletics or extracurricular activities without supporting data to the board.

For clarity, a motion was made by Zullo and seconded by Sprague to accept these items as directives to the administration. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

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Standing Up Against Bullying



Markita Miller (L) and Erica Sweetser (R), event organizer, hold signs as they take a stand against bullying (Bill Binder photo).

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--A small group of residents gathered at Broad St. Park Thursday to take a stand against bullying, holding signs and welcoming passersby, including students, to sign their placards. The event was spearheaded by Erica Sweetser who told the *e-Ticker News* that she "loved what we did on Thursday! Inspired me to do more, in any way I can. My hope is that every person will think about what they can do, small or big, it doesn't matter. I was very happy to see all of the kids that we did that day, and surprised by the adults who in passing told us their own bullying stories and signed.

"The folks who really helped that day and I are going to keep brainstorming and coming up with ways to keep it going, including being willing to help the schools with whatever they can do. I think it taught those involved, myself included, how good it is to get involved.

"Through FB responses to the articles on WUC, folks had some great ideas about how to keep positivity going, parents willing to walk along the kiddos' route home, a man who plays music in schools for anti-bullying, etc, all wonderful ideas and I am so happy that people see anything can make an impact.

"I was absolutely inspired by people with

ideas I hadn't thought of. I joke that it got my wheels going even more. Through this I found some really great people who are willing to mix ideas and perspectives to do good things, amazed me really."

News about the gathering was mostly distributed on social media, and some school board members as well as SHS Principal Pat Barry expressed concerns at the Wednesday night board meeting that the presence, originally planned for nearer the middle and high schools to show support for students, might instead confuse or overwhelm them instead as they left school for the day. Those involved in organizing the event attended the meeting but left before addressing the board to explain what their plans included. "Sometimes help can be misguided," said Barry, who added that she believed the effort was coming from a place of caring.

On Oct. 6, Superintendent of Schools Middleton McGoodwin emailed a memo to all Claremont School District students, parents and staff relaying the district's intention to participate in making "meaningful improvements" with challenging issues, including diversity, race, behavior, conduct and bullying and will be emailing again this coming week to gather feedback and to invite students and adults to participate in this ongoing community process.



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Parent Cafés to be Introduced to Newport Families

NEWPORT, NH--Don't wait in line! Come join a Parent Café!

Parent Café is a free program that will be held at Assumption Hall, located at 40 School Street in Newport, beginning on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 1:45 p.m. The eight-week program is sponsored by TLC Family Resource Center and SAU 43.

The program is free and snacks will be provided for parents and children. Children of those attending will be brought to the hall at the end of the school day. The group will be facilitated by parent educators from TLC Family Resource Center and led by parents.

Parent Cafés provide parents with the opportunity for parent-to-parent peer support, resource sharing and enhancing parenting skills around the five protective factors—resilience, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, support and communication. These are five research-based conditions or attributes that help individuals and families deal more effectively with stressful events and mitigate or eliminate risks in families.

RSVPs are recommended but everyone is welcome to join. Please RSVP to Stacey Hammerlind, Family and Community Coordinator, at SHammerlind@sau43.org or (603) 454-8271. For more information about Parent Cafés, please visit tlcfamilyrc.org/parent-cafe.

Sunapee Halloween 2017 and Candy Drive

SUNAPEE, NH--Once again this year, there will be a candy drive to support the residents of Central Street

who generously provide a safe and fun location for Sunapee families to enjoy the Halloween tradition. The Sunapee Police Department is

sponsoring the candy drive this year. Please help us support our Central Street homeown-



ers by donating wrapped and/or packaged candy. Candy donations can be dropped off at the Sunapee Police Department and/or at the Sunapee Town Hall before October 30th as the police department plans to deliver all donations on the 30th.

Halloween in Sunapee will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 31st, between the hours of 5:30 and 8:00 p.m. Central Street will be closed to all vehicular traffic during that time to provide a safe location for trick or treating.

Community Health Forums to be Held

Share your thoughts about the health of our region!

As part of its 2017 Community Health Needs Assessment, Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice invites you to attend one of its Community Health Forums, being held to help identify and address the health needs of our community.

- October 11: Claremont Savings Bank Community Room, 145 Broad Street, Claremont
- October 17: Hypertherm, 71 Heater

Road, Lebanon

- October 26: Wilmot Community Association Red Barn, 64 Village Road, Wilmot
- All three forums will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public. "We hope area residents will join us to share their thoughts and concerns about the health and wellness of our region," said Jim Culhane, President and CEO. "While Lake Sunapee VNA can't address every need, we can work as an agency and community partner on those issues where we can have the greatest impact." RSVPs are appreciated by calling 603-526-4077.

Annual Fire Prevention Parade Oct. 13

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Firefighter's Association 132nd Annual Fire Prevention Parade will take place on Friday, Oct. 13. It begins at 6:30 p.m., rain or shine. The parade starts at the Claremont Middle School, then travels on to South Street to Pleasant St. to Opera House Square and will disband in front of City Hall.



Flags in Lempster flying from numerous utility poles make for a lovely sight. They are in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of Lempster (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).

House Passes Kuster Legislation to Redesignate Saint-Gaudens Site

WASHINGTON, DC-- Last Monday night, Congresswoman Annie Kuster (NH-02) welcomed unanimous House passage of legislation that would redesignate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as a National Historical Park. Earlier this year, Kuster introduced H.R. 965, the Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park Redesignation Act, which would change the name of the site to more accurately illustrate the size and complexity of the location. The bill passed the House on a bipartisan vote of 401 - 0.

"I am excited that the House has passed this important legislation to designate the Saint-Gaudens site as a National Historical Park," said Kuster. "The Saint Gaudens National Historic Site is 190 acres and includes multiple buildings, a vast collection of American art, and a trail network that allows visitors to explore the Site's grounds. The designation of Saint-Gaudens as a National Historical Park will more accurately reflect its size and scope. The presence of Saint-Gaudens in Cornish plays an important role in the local economy, and the Site is a valued tourist attraction for thousands of people who visit annually. By designating this location as a National Historical Park, it is my hope that more visitors will be encouraged to visit the Saint-Gaudens site to learn about Augustus Saint-Gaudens's extraordinary impact on America's artistic heritage."

"We are thrilled to hear that H.R. 965, Representative Ann Kuster's bill to re-designate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as the Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park, was passed today and will move on to the Senate," said Thayer Tolles, President of the Saint-Gaudens Memorial. "This unit of the National Park Service includes 190 acres with beautiful gardens and trails and the largest collection of works by the preeminent American sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens. It is also a place with an exciting array of art-related programs and activities, including summer concerts, contemporary exhibitions, sculpture workshops, interactive sculpture exhibits and, for the first time this past summer, opera."

"The designation of 'Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park' provides a better image to the public of what the park represents now, and to an even greater extent what the park and its partners are working to create here together for the future," Tolles continued. "We believe



New legislation would redesignate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as a National Historical Park (Eric Zengota photo).

the new name will attract more visitors and more excitement about what is happening in

this extraordinary place."

Newport Historical Society to Present Program on Quilts

NEWPORT, NH--The Newport Historical Society will present "New England Quilts and Their Stories", a New Hampshire Humanities program. Pamela Weeks, the Curator of the New Hampshire Quilt Museum, in Lowell, MA, will be the speaker.

Quilts tell stories, and quilt history is full of myths and misinformation as well as heart-warming tales of service and tradition. Quilting is not just an American art; nearly every world culture that has cold weather uses quilted textiles! Weeks weaves world history, women's history, industrial history and just plain wonderful stories into her presentation. Participants are invited to bring one quilt for identification and/or story sharing. The Historical Society will also display the Newport American Bicentennial Quilt, which has not been on view for almost 50 years.

This program will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 24, in Newport's Richards Free Library ballroom, 58 N. Main Street, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. After this program, from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., the Library Arts Center, adjoining the Library, will open their doors to allow attendees to view the Soo-nippi Quilter's Guild's annual quilt show, "Fall into Quilts," if desired.

This program is free, open to the public, and the ballroom is handicapped accessible. Light refreshments will be served in the Ballroom.

Photo: This 1976 quilt, the blocks of which were made by various organizations in Newport for the American Bicentennial celebration, will be on display in the Richards Free Library ballroom during the program, its first viewing in close to 50 years (Courtesy photo).



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This position requires an undergraduate degree in a related field or equivalent experience in a related field, a valid driver's license, reliable transportation and automobile insurance.

Please send resume and cover letter to Amanda@turningpointsnetwork.org.

Halloween Photo Fun!

CLAREMONT, NH--Halloween pictures with a pumpkin and witch at the Claremont Rent-A-Center in the Market Basket Plaza on October 14 from 10-2. Kids, families and pets welcome to visit with the pumpkin and witch and get their picture taken. Dress up in your Halloween costumes, too, if you'd like! Photos will be printed while you wait-or you can have the electronic version e-mailed to you! Prices are as follows: 4x6, \$5; 5x7, \$7; e-mailed image, \$7. Yummy treats will also be available! To benefit Sullivan County Humane Society!

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history. D'Entremont is considered a leading expert on New England's historic lighthouses. He is the author of more than 15 books, including *The Lighthouse Handbook*:



New England, Great Shipwrecks of the Maine Coast, and Ocean-Born Mary: The Truth Behind a New Hampshire Legend. He's the historian for the American Lighthouse Foundation and founder of Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses. He runs a comprehensive website on New England lighthouses www.newenglandlighthouses.net and offers seasonal lighthouse tours based in Portsmouth, NH.

Author and New England lighthouse expert Jeremy D'Entremont.

CLAREMONT, NH--A program on Haunted Lighthouses Of New England will be presented by Jeremy D'Entremont at the Fiske Free Library on Monday, October 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Lighthouses are picturesque icons that remind us of our rich maritime history, but they also have a dark side. Lighthouses and ghost stories often seem to go hand in hand, as confirmed by the many horror stories and movies that have utilized lighthouses as their settings. This presentation will focus on macabre tales of New England's coastal beacons, including the lovelorn spirit known as Ernie at Connecticut's New London Ledge Light and the piano playing ghost of Maine's Seguin Island Light. Also included will be accounts of strange happenings at America's oldest light station, Boston Light, and at Portsmouth Harbor Light in New Hampshire.

D'Entremont has personally taken part in many lighthouse investigations by paranormal research groups. He calls himself an "open-minded skeptic," and he'll share some of his personal experiences. He has appeared on the Syfy Channel's popular Ghost Hunters program. He has also appeared on the History Channel, Travel Channel, Public Television, and National Public Radio speaking about lighthouse

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Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



Kitchen Table Tales

Keeping in step with the times, this being Fire Prevention Week and Veteran's Day right around the corner, who better to sit down and talk with than Claremont's Norm Dion.

Dion, who will turn 93 October 19, is a retired Claremont firefighter and a veteran of World War II.

Sitting at the kitchen table at his Winter Street home, Dion recently revealed stories from the past that both stunned and excited his listener, me. Mixing in a bit of humor, Dion was not without the ability to keep me amused and very much interested in those moments of his life he recalled with vivid detail, both as a fireman and as a war-time sailor in the U.S. Navy.

Still able to get around with the use of a cane, Dion, a bit hunched and flinching when he arose from his chair, due to pain in his knees, nonetheless voiced nothing but pure pleasure at what his life has meant to him.

"I enjoyed doing it for all those years," Dion said of his nearly 30 years in the Claremont Fire Department. (28 and ½, to be exact) Asked about what he remembered most about his stint as a fireman in Claremont, Dion, without any hesitation, recalled what most in the city refer to as the "IGA fire".

"I was the first guy there," Dion said of the April 1, 1970, conflagration. "I was driving a truck. I remember it well because it was the first day Ralph Rouillard was on the job and he said to me, 'What are we going to do?', and I answered back, 'Pray! I don't know what we are going to run into.'"

Dion then went on to describe how the fire had started in a beauty salon, spread to an ad-

joining bakery, and finally engulfed the IGA grocery store, situated where the Rite-Aid store now sits on Pleasant Street. "They had the fire almost out, but my engine ran out of water before they could get it hooked up to a hydrant," Dion revealed. "It (the fire) just took off!"

When Dion first joined the CFD (1952), he worked 24 hours on and 24 hours off going in at 7 a.m. one morning and leaving at 7 a.m. the next morning. There were only two shifts in those days, compared to four at the present time.



Norm Dion (Les St.Pierre photo)

"There used to be four of us on a shift and at times we would have eight or nine chimney fires a night," Dion recalled. "Everybody was burning wood in those days and sometimes we were out all night. It was cold in the winter and the old truck, an American LaFrance I used to drive, had a gas heater you had to kick to make it work. The hoses would freeze up at times. Our equipment wasn't the best, but it was better than nothing. Today, they have the best equipment in the world!"

Dion also recalled the time when the firefighters used to sit outside the Broad Street firehouse on summer evenings and wave to people in vehicles as they passed by. One evening firefighter Norman Burr was nodding his head just as he was about to fall asleep

and Dion bolted up the stairs and grabbed a bucket of cold water and poured it over Burr's head, waking him up with a startle.

Prior to his days as a Claremont firefighter, Dion had been a near fatal casualty fighting for his country in the Pacific during the Second World War.

"I graduated from St. Mary High School in 1943 on a Sunday night and Monday morning I was on my way to boot camp," Dion reported. "The war was really buzzing then."

Dion's service experience had him assigned to the USS Haraden DD 585, a destroyer built

at the Boston Navy Yard. The ship, commissioned in September of 1943, received five battle stars for its World War II service and came onto enemy fire December 13, 1944. The Haraden entered the Sulu Sea and was attacked by four Japanese aircraft. The Haraden assisted in downing three of the Kamikaze fighters, but the fourth banked left and dived at the destroyer. Trailing smoke from hits by Haraden's gunners, the Japanese plane crashed into the American ship, putting the forward engine room out of commission and severely damaging the topside. The casualties numbered 14 killed and 24 wounded. Dion was one of the wounded.

"It put me in the hospital," Dion voiced when referring to the Japanese suicidal mission that fateful day in December of 1944. "I had burns

all over my hands and I had shrapnel in my leg."

Dion went on to relate the fact one his crew members had purposely knocked him down onto the deck below. That crew member was never found. "He saved my life," Dion remembered, pounding his fist upon the table.

I couldn't help but admire the guy sitting in front of me at the kitchen table.

As I arose from that table, interview over, I couldn't help but utter these words; "Thank you, Norm, for your service...both as a first responder and as one who took great pride in defending his country."

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The 17th annual Springfield Hospital Challenge was held at Okemo Valley Golf Club on Thursday, September 21 (Courtesy photo).

Golf Tournament Benefits Springfield Hospital

SPRINGFIELD, VT--The 17th annual Springfield Hospital Challenge at Okemo Valley Golf Club on Thursday, September 21, was an excellent golf outing and a successful fund raiser, said organizers. This year's tournament proceeds exceeded \$20,000 and will support the Hospital's campaign to renovate its Child-birth Center.

A record 32 teams of golfers competed for awards and raffle prizes. Thirty sponsoring organizations underwrote the tournament, which included a box lunch, dinner buffet, complimentary refreshments on the course, and a gift to every golfer of a fleece vest with tournament logo.

Tournament sponsors were Black River Produce, Coverys, H.P. Cummings Construction, Griffin Construction, IPG Employee Benefits Specialists, Kinney Drugs Foundation, Richard Marasa MD, NFP Property & Casualty, and Springfield Printing Corporation. Club professional, Michael Santa Maria, and the Okemo staff took very good care of the golfers and helped make the event an overall success. Team and individual winners were:

- A flight
- 1st Place Low Gross
Kevin Theissen, Ted Stryhas, Ryan McGuire, Ed Richter
- 2nd Place Low Gross

- Tom Hoyt, Brian Stowell, Peter Goodrich, Joe Tolman
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Shannon Gaulin, Chris Gautreau, Todd Lagrow, Rick Bazluka
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Chad Illingworth, Gary Parzych, Eric Warren, Chris Cappello
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Keith Hanatow, Todd Watkins, John Brash, Mike Darcy
- 2nd Place Low Net
Neal McIntyre, John Birch, Josh Witkin, Clayton White
- Closest to the Line Dan Patria
- Longest Putt Peter Goodrich

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Springfield Medical Care Systems Welcomes Renee VanSickle, DNP, FNP-C

SPRINGFIELD, VT--Renee VanSickle, DNP, FNP-C, has joined Dr. Barbara Dalton and the Family Medicine Suite team at Springfield Health Center, 100 River Street, Springfield, VT. She is now accepting new patients to her primary care panel.


VanSickle received her Associate Degree in Nursing from Central Community College;

Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Oklahoma Wesleyan University in Bartlesville, OK; Master of Nursing Degree, Family Nurse Practitioner, from Maryville University in St. Louis, MO; and her Doctor of Nursing Practice from

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Chamberlain College of Downers Grove, IL.

She has extensive healthcare experience, to include practicing in rural areas of Wyoming and Montana and most recently worked as a Family Nurse Practitioner in Crystal River, FL. She is a member of the Honor Society of Nurses Sigma Theta Tau International and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. Renee enjoys spending time outdoors hiking, gardening, and horse riding.

To schedule a new patient appointment, please call Springfield Health Center at 802-886-8980.

Breaking ground for the new Ford dealership on the Charlestown Road in Claremont. They are stripping the loam from the site in preparation for gravel as contractors would like to get the foundations in before bad weather arrives (Bill Binder photo).



Eversource Commits to Puerto Rico Aid Efforts

MANCHESTER, NH---Eversource is providing a comprehensive response to the call for critical resources to meet humanitarian needs in Puerto Rico, including responding to Governor Chris Sununu's request to New Hampshire businesses by contributing \$25,000 to the American Red Cross in New Hampshire. This contribution is part of an overall company commitment to donate a total of \$75,000 to organizations supporting Puerto Rico relief efforts in the three states that Eversource serves.

"The widespread devastation Hurricane Maria caused in Puerto Rico will require a multifaceted response," said Eversource New Hampshire President Bill Quinlan. "We're pleased Governor Sununu has taken the lead to encourage the Granite State business community to help those in desperate need of resources. Financial commitments are important to ensure organizations are able to provide Puerto Rico with the resources they need but as the region's largest energy company, we believe we can do more."

Eversource is closely monitoring the restoration planning efforts for Puerto Rico with other U.S. electric utilities as part of a coordinated national mutual aid response.

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New Hampshire DMV to Close Offices for Two Days

CONCORD, NH--The NH Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will implement a new driver licensing system in October to replace the current system originally implemented in the 1980s. Implementation of the new system will require the closure of all DMV offices on Monday, October 9th and Tuesday, October 10th and will temporarily limit some services.

"Although temporarily closing DMV offices is required during this transition time, we are aware of how the closure will impact our customers," said DMV Director Elizabeth Bielecki. "Hopefully, by providing advanced notice, we will minimize the inconvenience this closure will cause."

During the transition:
Town/City Municipal clerks will not be able to process the state portion of vehicle registrations through Tuesday, October 10.

Online services, including Online Driver License Renewal and Online Ticket Pay, will not be available from Wednesday, October 4, through Wednesday, October 11.

Ticket pay by phone will not be available on Monday, October 9, and Tuesday, October 10. To pay a ticket by phone on another day during normal business hours, please call 1-800-272-0036.

SCHS to Sponsor Bingo Event

CLAREMONT, NH--Sullivan County Humane Society will be holding Bingo at the Claremont Senior Center at 5 Acer Heights Road in Claremont on Sunday, Oct. 22. Doors open at noon, games begin at 1 pm. Fabulous prizes-including restaurant gift certificates, store gift cards, and so much more. \$5/20 games. There will also be 1 grand prize game, for \$3 a play. Grand prize is a smartwatch! You can purchase multiple game packs for more chances to win.

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“The Mentalist” to Present Program at Fiske

CLAREMONT, NH--Preston Heller, “The Mentalist”, makes a return engagement at the Fiske Free Library, presenting “Seeing the Unseen”, The Fighting Hunger Tour: Telepathy, clairvoyance, ESP, predictions, influence, mind reading, precognition.

Heller, “The NH Mentalist”, a native of Wilton, will be performing on October 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fiske Free Library. The show runs about 70 minutes. Heller will not tell you what a mentalist does; he will show you. And in so doing, every audience member will have a unique, personal experience with the “unseen”, including thought implantation or ‘influence’, revealing of information known only to the spectator, predictions, reading of body language and voice patterns, psychometry and much more. His 2016 program, “Well Guarded Secrets”, played to a packed library here and at many other New Hampshire and Massachusetts libraries and received glowing reviews from all. In 2017, he brings us his new show, “Seeing the Unseen”.

This program is 100-percent family friendly, but due to the nature of the subject matter it is recommended for ages 12 and up. The program is free and open to the public, but Heller asks that you bring an item of non-perishable food for the local food bank or make a donation to them.

Harvest Festival Supper at Union Church

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International Investing: Still a Journey to Consider

Columbus Day is observed on October 9. And while it may be true that Leif Erikson and the Vikings beat Columbus to the New World, Columbus Day nonetheless remains important in the public eye, signifying themes such as exploration and discovery. As an investor, you don't have to "cross the ocean blue," as Columbus did, to find opportunities – but it may be a good idea to put some of your money to work outside the United States.

So, why should you consider investing internationally? The chief reason is diversification. If you only invest in U.S. companies, you might do well when the U.S. markets are soaring, as has happened in recent years. But when the inevitable downturn happens, and you're totally concentrated in U.S. stocks, your portfolio will probably take a hit. At the same time, however, other regions of the world might be doing considerably better than the U.S. markets – and if you had put some of your investment holdings in these regions, you might at least blunt some of the effects of the down market here.

Of course, it's also a good idea to diversify among different asset classes, so, in addition to investing in U.S. and international stocks, you'll want to own bonds, government securities and other investment vehicles. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can help reduce the effects of volatility, it can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

International investments, like all investments, will fluctuate in value. But they also have other characteristics and risks to consider, such as these:

- **Currency fluctuations** – The U.S. dollar rises and falls in relation to the currencies of other countries. Sometimes, these movements can work in your favor, but sometimes not. A strengthening dollar typically lowers returns from international investments because companies based overseas do business in a foreign currency, and the higher value of the U.S. dollar reduces the prices, measured in dollars, of individual shares of these companies' stocks. The opposite has happened in 2017, when the weaker dollar has helped increase returns from international investments.
- **Political risks** – When you invest internationally, you're not just investing in foreign companies – you're also essentially investing in the legal and economic systems of countries in which those companies do business. Political instability or changes in laws and regulations can create additional risks – but may also provide potentially positive returns for investors.
- **Social and economic risks** – It is not always easy for investors to understand all the economic and social factors that influence markets in the U.S. – and it's even more challenging with foreign markets. U.S. markets are now worth less than half of the total world markets, and growth in the rest of the world is likely to keep expanding the number of global opportunities. You can take advantage of that global growth by putting part of your portfolio into international investments, including developed and emerging markets.

In any case, given the more complex nature of international investing, you'll want to consult with a financial professional before taking action. If it turns out that international investments are appropriate for your needs, you should certainly consider going global.

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TPN Partnering with Businesses to Promote Prevention of Violence

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It's About Food By Johnny Navillus



Signatures

A big "Thank You" to Andrea F. who pointed out a recent error of mine. In my recent pork chop recipe, I omitted the mustard from the ingredient list. It should be 1 tablespoon of Grey Poupon mustard to be whisked in with the other ingredients when making the sauce. Good catch, Andrea.

As promised, I'm re-publishing my Seafood Newburg recipe. This dish can make your reputation for years to come. Make this your "signature" and people will mention your Newburg when introducing you to new friends.

This is not difficult, it just takes some time and patience. Don't let anyone else in the kitchen when you do this. Tell them you need absolute concentration. Actually, the only critical step is tempering the egg yolks. If you don't do this properly, the sauce will be grainy from scrambled eggs. If this happens there is no recourse but to throw it out and start all over. The rest is just stirring constantly when making the cream sauce.

We are using the generic term "Seafood" because you can use whatever types you like. I use shrimp, scallops, imitation crabmeat and lobster when I want to really impress my guests. The amounts of the seafood are guides. Use whatever suits you. This is your signature so do what you want.

Seafood Newburg

6 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons all purpose flour
1 ½ cups light cream
3 beaten egg yolks
2 or 3 or more cups of seafood cut into chunks where necessary
3 tablespoons dry wine (I prefer Sherry)
2 teaspoons lemon juice
¼ teaspoon salt
Paprika
Rice or toast points

Melt butter in stock pot. Blend in flour. Add cream all at once.
Cook stirring constantly until sauce thickens and bubbles. Remove from heat.
Stir about 3 tablespoons of sauce into the egg yolks (tempering)
Return to hot sauce and return to heat. Cook stirring constantly until thickened.
Add the seafood and heat through.
Add wine lemon juice and salt.
Serve over rice. Sprinkle with paprika. OR stir in some paprika before serving to give a slightly pink color.

If there are leftovers, don't tell anyone. Combine the rice and sauce and save for yourself for the next day. I think the second day is the best. Never had enough to find out about a third day.

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Mayoral Notes

By
Charlene Lovett



Open House at the Claremont Opera House

While the Claremont Opera House has long been a fixture in the downtown district, its future was not always certain. Built in 1897, it was the site of headliner entertainment for decades until it fell into disrepair in the second half of the 20th century. By the 1970s, city officials were discussing the possibility of turning the space into municipal offices. Without the intervention of a group of volunteers, spearheaded by John Bennett, the Opera House would have faded into the past and we would have lost one of the architectural gems of our community. On Friday, October 13th, the Claremont Opera House will be hosting an Open House to thank you for your support over the years and introduce you to what is new.

The Open House, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 5:30 and end at 8:00 p.m. Designed to showcase the Opera House and all that it has to offer in a relaxed and welcoming environment, refreshments (including a cash bar) and light food will be available during the entire event. Guests are invited to casually explore the Opera House and stay for those events that are of interest. The schedule of events is as follows:

Art Exhibit by the Vermont Watercolor Society – Located in the Atrium, the art exhibit will open at 5:30 p.m. Comprised of 25 watercolors featuring landscapes, figurative works and still lifes, the exhibit will feature the work of 18 juried artists from New Hampshire, New York and Vermont. Guests will be able to view the work of these accomplished artists while sipping wine and sampling foods prepared by Society members. To learn more about the artists and their work, please go to www.vermontwatercolorssociety.com and click on the gallery tab.

Viewing of the Grand Drape – At 6:30 p.m., the doors to the main theater will open and guests will be able to view the Grand Drape hanging above the stage. The Grand Drape,

which is the only known one remaining in NH original to the opera house for which it was commissioned, was recently restored after years of being in storage. Guests are also invited to watch the slide presentation featuring highlights of the Opera House's history, all the while enjoying refreshments and hors d'oeuvres from local eateries.

Overview of Restoration Project – At 7:00 p.m., guests will be invited to a short presentation on the restoration of the Grand Drape, and its significance to the Opera House.

Live Entertainment – From 7:15 to 8:00 p.m., guests will be treated to a variety of live music ranging from jazz to a cappella.

Without the support and contributions of so many over the years, the Claremont Opera House would not be. Its existence is because of you, and we hope you will attend to celebrate what we have accomplished together. Please join us on Friday, October 13th, and rediscover the Claremont Opera House and what we envision for the years to come. For

additional information, please visit our website at www.claremontoperahouse.info or call 603-542-0064.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at clovett.ccc@gmail.com.

GPS Class

The Cornish Conservation Commission is holding a free, public GPS class/workshop on Saturday, Oct. 14th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cornish Elementary School. It will focus on basic GPS use and knowledge which will be broken down into three sections: GPS overview, field-testing/mapping, and uploading maps to the computer. The class will be taught by Andrew Thompson, Senior GIS Specialist at Epsilon Associates, Inc. To enroll:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzrqRon7nRN12dAuT_42lrHwVfdTUVwE_ixV7RXnTNIaG19w/viewform.



The latest episode of Recycled Percussion's "Chaos and Kindness" aired Friday night on WMUR. The program, videotaped at Stevens High School, shared highlights of the band's visit last Tuesday and included giving flowers to several students who have had to overcome adversity in their lives as well as having Principal Pat Barry join band members on stage (shown here), also gifting her with flowers and recognizing her as a driving force at the school as well as a cancer survivor. It also showed the "redneck" version (their term) of a "slip and slide" the band put together on the second floor, enjoyed by a number of students and a couple of faculty (Bill Binder photo).



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Program to be held following the Claremont Historical Society's annual meeting at 1:00. Public is welcome to sit in on the meeting, but only those with paid membership dues will be entitled to vote.

Refreshments will be provided.



Chili Cook-Off winners, Top, from left: Non-profit Organization winner—Claremont Police Officers Association with Chief Mark Chase accepting the award; start of the 5K; Best Decorated Booth—Claremont Girl Scout Troop 30261; 2nd row, from left: Individual category winner—Angelica Zezima; Favorite overall chili—Arrowhead Motors; Business category winner—Canam Structural Bridges (Bill Binder photos).





CITY OF CLAREMONT

FALL CLEAN-UP

The Fall Clean-up Program in the City of Claremont will operate for one week beginning Monday, October 30, 2017 through Friday, November 3, 2017.

Leaves and grass rakings must be placed in **COMPOSTABLE PAPER BAGS AND LEFT AT THE CURBSIDE BY 7:00 AM ON MONDAY, October 30, 2017.** THERE WILL BE NO CALL BACKS. Leaves in plastic bags will not be picked up; nor will garbage, brush or household items be collected.

After November 3rd, Claremont citizens may bring leaves, bagged in compostable biodegradable bags, to the Transfer Station on Tuesdays & Saturdays at no cost.

Per City Council policy adopted on May 12, 2004, the Public Works Department will no longer accept or pick up leaves that are not in paper, biodegradable bags. Paper Compostable (30) gallon bags are available at various local hardware, grocery, and department stores.

Scott W. Sweet
Director of Public Works



Autumn at Moody Park

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